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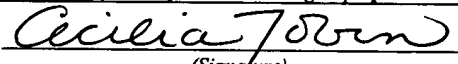
Applicant: William Michael Lafferty                      Art Unit: 1634  
Application No.: 09/894,956                                      Examiner: Betty J. Forman  
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Title: CAPILLARY ARRAY-BASED SAMPLE SCREENING

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2002, please consider the following remarks and amendments:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8
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